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Students march to not forget James Meredith incident



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Students walk during a march Monday in response to the James Meredith statue incident.

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A student march of about seventy-five participants was held on the University of Mississippi campus with the purpose of reminding the Ole Miss community of the recent desecration of the James Meredith statue. The march, starting noon yesterday, began at the Student Union, proceeded

through the Grove and the Circle, passed the Lyceum and ended at the statue. After the students walked, Shan Williams, senior psychology major and leader of the march, gave a short speech expressing her frustrations about the desecration enacted on the statue by university students. “The university needs to know that we will not be silent,” Williams said.

Williams said she expected only five people to show up for the march and was surprised by the turnout. She also said the decision to lead the march did not happen overnight. “I was very angry about the whole situation, and found myself asking, ‘Why not do something about it?’” Williams said. While Williams said her

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Discriminatory Religious Freedom bill moves forward to Statehouse

BY JESSI BALLARD
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A Mississippi Senate bill that has attracted national attention for its controversial language awaited a deadline vote yesterday by the House Judiciary B Committee. Senate Bill 2681, also known as the Mississippi Religious Freedom Restoration Act, passed unanimously in the state Senate on Jan. 31 and was amended and passed by the House Judiciary B Committee yesterday. Sen. Phillip A. Gandy, R-Waynesboro, authored the bill, and eight other senators cosponsored it. Similar to religious freedom bills in 18 other states, the bill was originally intended to modify the great seal of Mississippi to include “In God We Trust,” but garnered attention for its controversial language concerning a clause about the exercise of religion. According to the original text of the bill, the exercise of religion would have included, but not have been limited to, “the ability to act or the refusal to act in a manner that is substantially motivated by one’s sincerely held religious

belief, whether or not the exercise is compulsory or central to a larger system of religious belief.” Those opposing the bill believe that it will lead to discrimination against gay people and other minority groups, while those supporting the bill believe it will reinforce religious freedom, a concept promised in the U.S. Constitution. The Mississippi Religious Freedom Restoration Act gained more media attention when Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed a similar bill after backlash from national GOP leadership, big business owners and supporters in her state last week. Lance Bass, Mississippi native and former member of the band ‘N SYNC, spoke out against the bill in partnership with the Human Rights Campaign, an LGBTQ civil rights organization. “This bill doesn’t represent the Mississippi I knew growing up. It doesn’t represent the folks I went to church with every Sunday with my parents and my sister. And it certainly doesn’t reflect the Golden Rule I learned about sitting

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Oxford Commitment to Diversity resolution passes unanimously

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A resolution affirming the city of Oxford’s commitment to diversity passed without opposition yesterday at the bi-monthly Board of Aldermen meeting.

The bill, which recognizes the dignity and worth of all residents, affirms that diversity in Oxford will enhance economic growth by helping attract business and create jobs. It also recognizes that “all individuals have inherent worth and should be treated with dig-

nity and respect without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, sexual orientation, family status, veteran status, disability or source of income.” There were no empty seats in the City Hall courthouse

due to the attendance of many students and community members who came to show their support or disapproval of the resolution. The cities of Starkville and Hattiesburg have both already passed similar diversity resolutions.

John W. Swinney, president of the Oxford-Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, spoke in front of the board to voice the business community’s support for the resolution. “When we grow this community we will be doing so with

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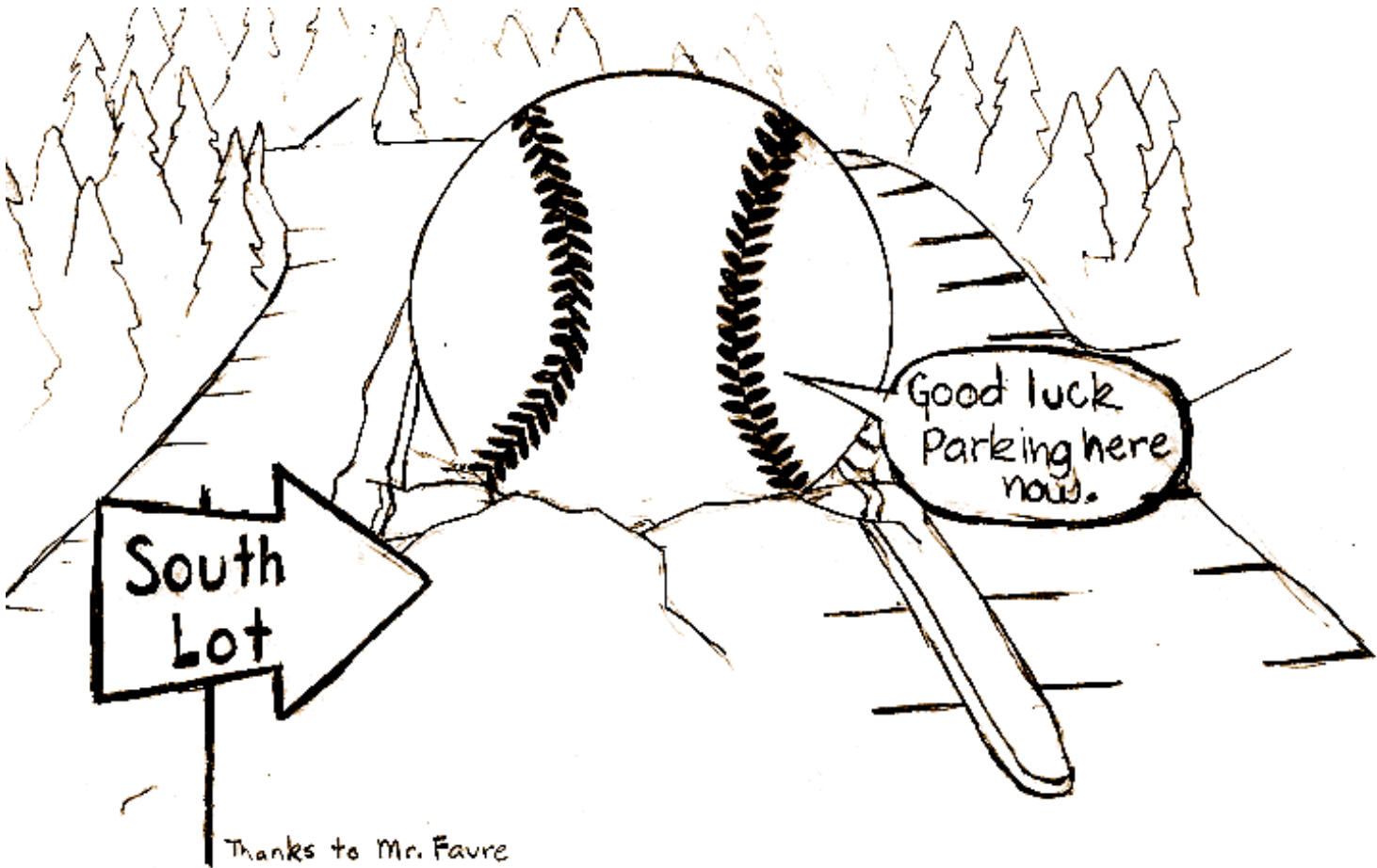
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Food policy in the real world



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The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides low-income pregnant, breast-feeding, and postpartum women, as well as infants and children up to age 5, with nutritional foods, health care, and health-related education classes. It is an important and effective program nationwide, contributing to the 43 percent decrease in obesity in young children over the past decade.

In most states, the WIC program functions like SNAP: recipients purchase food in grocery stores through the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system.

Mississippi does things differently.

We are the only state in the country that requires WIC recipients to go to “WIC Distribution Centers.” Not sure what that means? Neither was I, so I did what most legislatures fail to do: I went to one of the distribution centers to see how policy looks in the real world.

The “center” is not conveniently

located, placed on the outskirts of town. About the size of a large classroom, the center contained just a few pallets of food.

WIC recipients must apply in person at the State Department of Health and present several forms of identification. If accepted into the program, they receive a list of allotted products, which they must pick up at one of the distribution centers. Individuals can only visit the store once per month. The hours of operation vary, but are typically open a maximum of five days a week between the hours of 8am and 5pm.

I walked through the center, perusing what choices a WIC recipient might have. The only fresh fruits available were oranges and apples: sweet potatoes were the only fresh vegetables. There were canned vegetables, but the list of ingredients was longer than I can recount here, and with 560 mg of sodium per serving (1/2 cup), I knew this was junk food in disguise.

Other items in the store included liquid eggs, infant formula, bread, cereal, powdered milk, peanut butter and dried beans. The peanut butter contained hydrogenated vegetable oil, a clear sign that this is not the healthy protein that children need and deserve.

As I left the store, discouraged by what I had seen, I felt that I could at least be hopeful for the future. Per the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, states are required by 2020 to use EBT systems for WIC programs, so that individuals can make their purchases in grocery stores. Unfortunately, the mandate to switch WIC to EBT systems includes an exemption for states encountering “unusual barriers,” which is something I foresee Mississippi claiming. But maybe I was making hasty assumptions—had Mississippi taken any steps towards the transition?

To find out, I called the Mississippi Department of Health. I mentioned the changes to a woman within the WIC department. She said they were currently under no such transition. Perplexed, I asked her if she had heard about any changes occurring in the near future. Yes, she said, but that’s not until 2020.

This experience was incredibly frustrating. Mississippi’s current structuring of the WIC program contains too many barriers for women and their children to access healthy, nutritional food. Not only is it a matter of health, but it is also a matter of human dignity. The system perpetuates the stigmatization of people who

receive government assistance and does not encourage access. The barriers have clear consequences: a Harvard study reported that of 131,155 eligible Mississippi WIC recipients in 2010, only 75.8 percent participated.

Not only is it failing the people who need it, but it also is economically inefficient. In FY 2010, the federal government gave Mississippi over \$74 million to purchase WIC food. Those funds were used to purchase bulk orders from large grocery chains. The structure of this system thus crowds out local stores and farms, as they are not able to participate in this economic revenue stream. Moreover, the distribution centers require federal and state money to be used for staff salaries, rent, and general operation—all of which would be unnecessary if individuals could use their benefits at existing markets.

The state cannot fail to take concrete steps towards the new system. The complacent attitude is maddening, as these policies impact real people every single day. Today is the day to begin to work towards real change—not next week, or next year, or in 2020.

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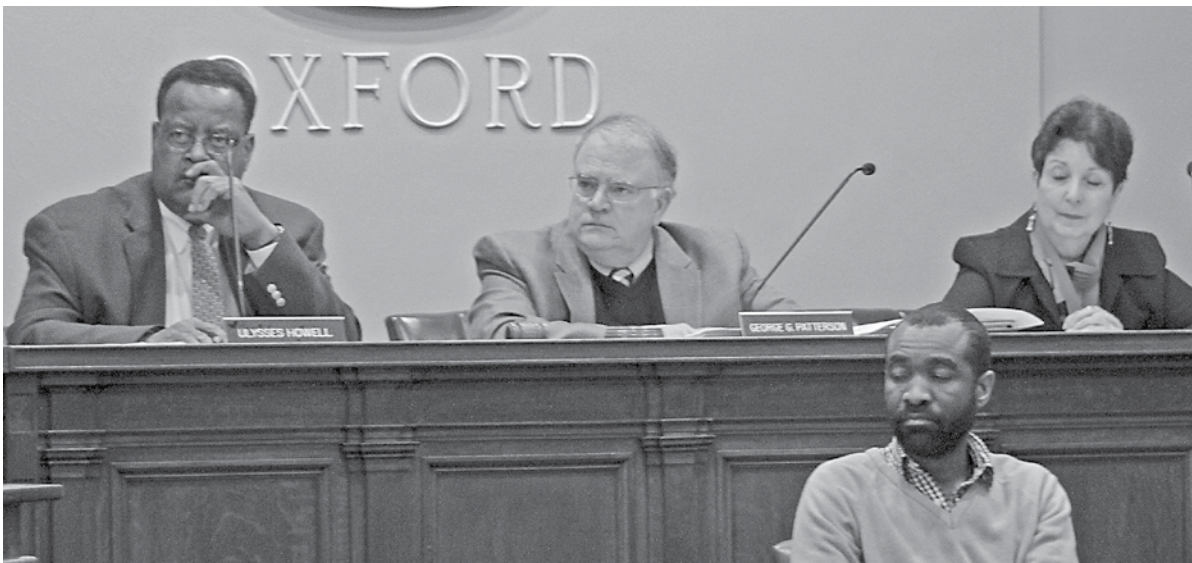
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Oxford Mayor Pat Patterson, center, listens on during a Board of Aldermen meeting in January.

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people from all over the world,” Swinney said.

“If we are not openly making the policy that says we accept you and we think you are a valuable individual here in the community, then we will continue to be labeled with that negative stereotype.”

A speech was also made in opposition to the resolution.

Local business owner Walter Locke spoke against the resolution saying that although he respected each and every individual, he was concerned about

the wording of the legislation which specified gender identity or expression and sexual orientation.

“I am extremely bothered that my wife or daughters-in-law would have to share bathrooms with someone who was formerly a male,” Locke said.

He was further concerned that as an Orthodox Christian business owner, he would one day have to compromise his religious beliefs and be forced to sign such an ordinance for his business.

“All we have to do is look to the West,” Locke said, alluding to strong support for LGBTQ rights and laws in Western

states such as California.

Junior political science major Sean Higgins and junior public policy leadership major Christine Dickason first approached the city’s leaders about a diversity ordinance for Oxford.

“We decided we needed to encourage the city of Oxford to do the same as Starkville and Hattiesburg. This type of resolution is an important first step to overcoming past stereotypes. We have to be proactive and vocal about our commitment to diversity,” Dickason said.

Alderman Janice Antonow, Ward III, drafted and submitted the resolution but attempts to reach Antonow were unsuccessful.

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in those pews — a simple moral code that says we should treat others the way we would want to be treated ourselves,” Bass said in an open letter to Human Rights Campaign members.

Mississippi and Arizona are not the only states to see controversy over such bills. Ohio, Indiana and Kansas have all introduced legislation that could aid discrimination against the LGBTQ community under the shroud of religious freedom.

“I hold onto a lot of stereotypes about the South, so I’m not really surprised that the original bill passed unanimously in the Senate,” senior political science major Kevin Murphy said.

John Lobur, associate classics professor, said such a bill would “definitely be a hateful step in the wrong direction,” if the measure is designed to legitimate businesses placing Jim Crow era-like signs in their windows.

He said that “one is tempted to see (the bill) as a political maneuver designed to strike at the so-called ‘gay agenda.’”

Last week on Feb. 26, the

House Civil Subcommittee voted to remove all of the controversial language that would have sanctioned discrimination.

The current, revised version of the text has not been released to the public.

The University of Mississippi’s William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation issued a statement on March 3, urging lawmakers to kill the bill, adding that if the bill is passed, Mississippi would be under a “shameful cloud of discrimination” that would hurt the state’s economy.

“Just as a restaurant shouldn’t be able to refuse a meal to customers because of their race, neither should a pharmacist be able to deny medicine to someone because he or she is gay,” the statement said.

The full House of Representatives will debate the bill in the coming days.



PETA demonstrates in front of Student Union

BY LOGAN KIRKLAND
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This week, peta2, PETA’s youth division, is demonstrating this week in front of the Student Union in order to educate students and bring awareness to industrialized animal agriculture and factory farming.

Sacha Sweet, the peta2 tour administrator, said it is important for peta2 to reach out to the younger population.

“We go to college campuses, we attend concerts and we

talk to the younger crowd,” Sweet said.

Sweet said this gives the group the opportunity to lift the curtain of industrialized agriculture and farming in the United States.

Sweet said that specifically in the tent they are demonstrating how there are more than ten billion land-based animal slaughters for human consumption every year in the U.S alone.

“We are just trying to inform people on where exactly their

food is coming from,” Sweet said.

Kenneth Montville, the peta2 College Campaigning Coordinator, said The University of Mississippi is one of 60 schools that is a part of the “Glass Walls” tour.

“We work with student groups who are interested in hosting the exhibit,” he said.

Montville said it is important for them to present this demonstration to college students because this is when people start making their own deci-

sions.

“We make sure it can reach as many students as possible,” Montville said.

Sweet said one of the most popular and effective parts of the exhibit is the gestation crate. With the gestation crate students get a first person perspective of the life of a pig being held in a factory farm.

“The coolest thing about the crate is the fact that kids can actually get inside of it,” Sweet said. “Students are actually very moved by the ges-

tation crate in particular, it’s a really really great piece of the exhibit.”

Sweet said nothing in the exhibit is too intense, it is just the reality of what the animals experience.

“I wouldn’t call anything in the exhibit extreme,” Sweet said. “Everything that we show is standard industry practice in the United States.”

Sophomore political science major Lasharda Leasy said she knew some information

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Left: Shan Williams gives a speech during a student march Monday. Right: Students participate in the march.

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anger initially fueled her desire for the march, she made a point to differentiate this from her reason for the march.

“My reason for the march is to encourage the university to become more proactive,”

Williams said.

Williams said she was concerned that the university has formed a complacent society, and this disturbed her.

“None of this would have happened if we had honored James Meredith’s wishes to remove the statue,” she said.

“Why not remove it?”

Adebanke Buki Alabi, an Ole Miss alumna who re-

cently completed her master’s degree at the university, expressed feelings of disgust regarding the incident.

“When I first heard what happened, I was disgusted, because this does not represent the opinions of a majority of the university,” she said.

Anne Babson, graduate instructor and PhD student, expressed similar opinions.



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about how animals were being treated, but she was interested in what Peta2 had to say.

“I’ve seen lots of videos and documentaries about how the animals are treated,” Leasy said. “So I just wanted to just stop in and see what take they had on it.”

Leasy said she learned about the overall health issues that are taking place in these factories.

“It’s very detrimental to their health as well as ours,” she said. “It’s pretty messed up.”

Sophomore biology major Aaron Salters said he just saw the tent in front of the union and wanted to stop and see what was inside.

Salters said after seeing what was in the tent, he felt animals were being mistreated.

“It was an eye-opening experience,” Salters said.

Latayvin Taylor, a sophomore criminal justice major, said he grew up being a meat eater, and although it is hard to change something like that in one day, he definitely took something from this demonstration.

“I’ve learned a lot,” Taylor said. “Animal cruelty is very serious.”

Sweet said he encourages those who are skeptical of their cause to please stop by as well those who are interested.

“If you do come through, come through with an open mind,” Sweet said. “Increasing overall awareness is all that we want to do. That’s what we’re here for.”

Peta2 will be demonstrating today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Lamar Lounge drops a beat with Wild Party and Born Standing Up taking the stage

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Tonight Oxford's Lamar Lounge will play host to Wild Party, an eccentric San Antonio band that sounds a lot less San Antonio than one might expect, and Born Standing Up, a roots/folk outfit that has emerged as one of Oxford's most exciting young talents.

The show will kick off an extensive tour for Wild Party that will take it through three stops in Georgia and Alabama before returning to Texas for an extended stay at South by Southwest, followed by a handful of other Texas festival dates.

Wild Party's music reflects a relentless energy that will undoubtedly translate to an upbeat, entertaining show. Synth-soaked and shamelessly neo-80s, Wild Party is fueled by club beats, wailing melodies, keyboards and hopefully at least one keytar. Its approach to musical success mirrors its energetic music.

According to its band page, "As Wild Party blaze their own path in the music world, their passion and obvious talent continue to propel them forward. All indicators predict a sure and steady march towards success — whether it comes easy or not."

Born Standing Up is a more familiar face around here, as tonight's Lamar Lounge gig will be one more in a long string of area concerts. The band displayed the utmost goodwill when it graciously welcomed me into its workspace, which sometimes doubles as bandmate Knowlton Bourne's abode. Born Standing Up opened its doors and itself to me, a writer, the enemy, to get to know them. And I didn't even have to call their



COURTESY GAVIN FIELDS

Members of the band Born Standing Up talk during an interview Monday.

guitar-work incendiary.

Patton Ford founded Born Standing Up, a name taken from the lyrics of Elvis' 1958 classic, "Trouble," and has a clear taste for all things Southern, as shown in his lyricism as well as his musicianship.

"I would say we're influenced by the South as a whole," Ford said.

And it shows. "Hopscotch" hops along with a classic Sun Studios boom-chicka-boom bass line while Patton croons in an almost swing-revival style that wouldn't seem out of place in a New Orleans jazz hall.

There's maturity and confidence in the music, both in its composition and in its performance, but it never feels forced. It shines through thanks in part to Born Standing Up's intentions.

"We do it because it's fun," Allison Quick laughs. "We'll

stop if it ever stops being fun."

Quick's the only girl in the group, but her pure Nashville voice brings a perfect balance to the band.

That lightheartedness is evident with bassist Knowlton Bourne, too. When asked what it was like to perform for an audience, he recalled a show at Ajax when he felt like he was doing nothing but focusing on the piano in front of him, accompanied by a goofy visual aid a la Knowlton. He later saw a recording of the show and noted, "Turns out I was doing something completely different," as he flailed around to mimic his onstage alter ego. Bourne has the heavy hand in recording and mixing the band's record, which must certainly derive its character and energy from the buoyant environment and people from which it came.

Further still, they were going to give an honest answer. The guys (and girl) all shared a sense of ease, but not just comfort with themselves; it wanted to spread itself, even longed to. It is this ease, this

ease with a pulse, which pervades the band's music and propels it forward.

Born Standing Up will begin the night at 10, followed by Wild Party. The show is \$8 at the door.

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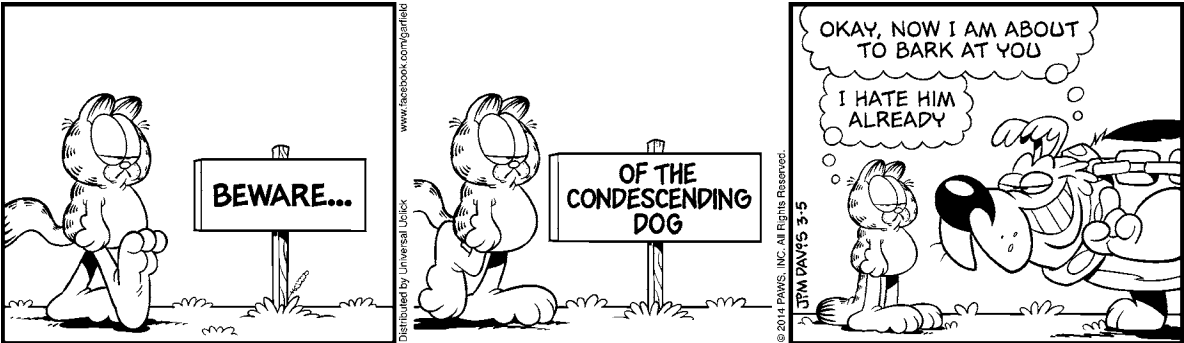
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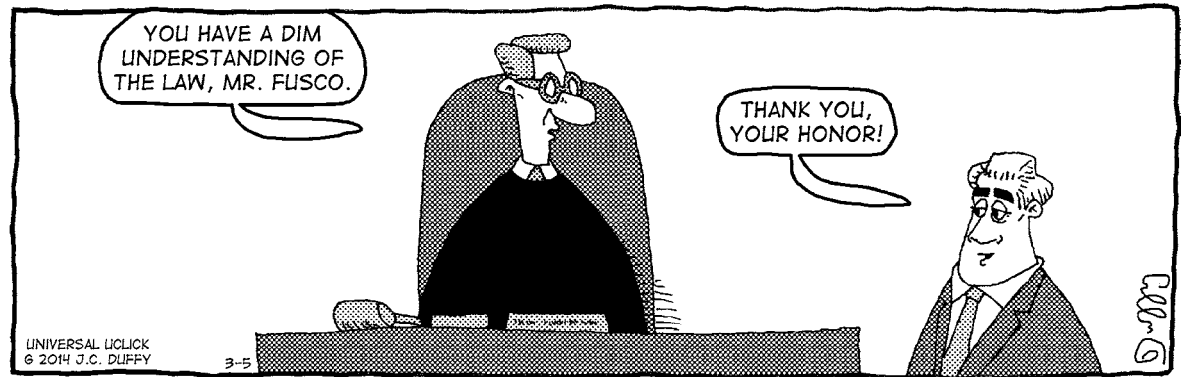
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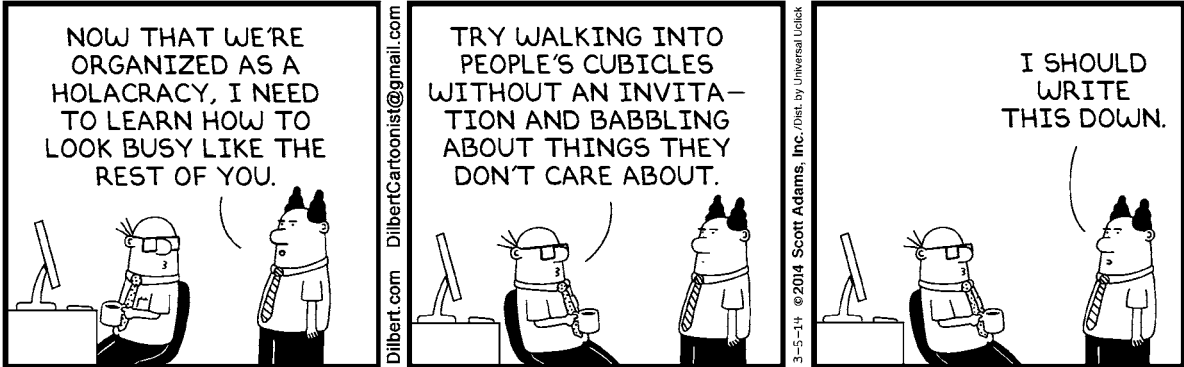
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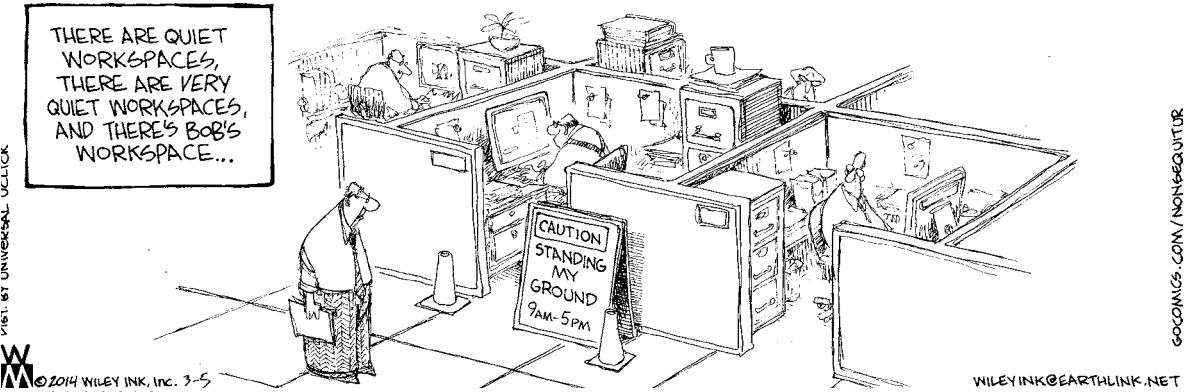
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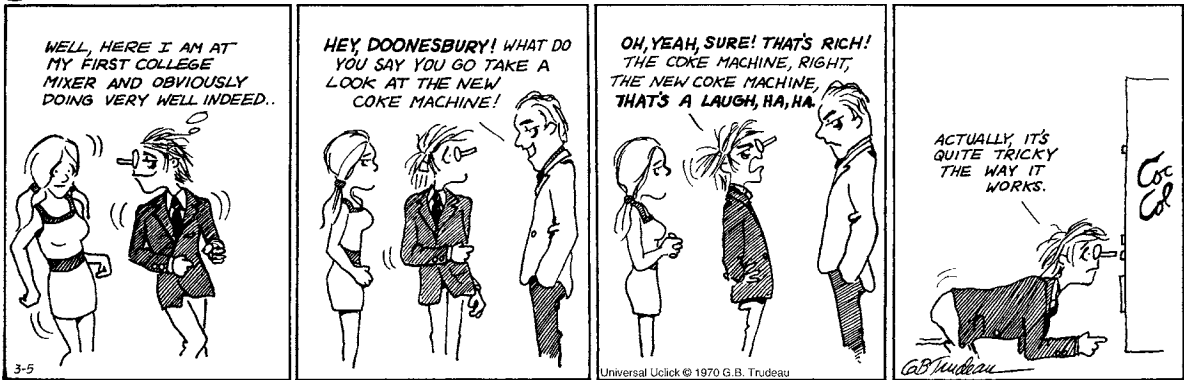
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Ole Miss to face Arkansas in first round of SEC Tournament

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Consider this a fresh start for the Ole Miss women’s basketball team, as it will enter the Southeastern Conference Women’s Basketball Tournament in Duluth, Ga., with a clean slate. The No. 14 seed Rebels (11-19, 2-14 SEC) finished last in the conference, but did win their last game of the season in overtime against the Auburn Tigers. Ole Miss will look to keep that momentum going against No. 11 seed Arkansas in the first round

today. “I felt like the last four or five games, we’ve played about as good as we’ve played all year,” Ole Miss head coach Matt Insell said. “And we’ve got to take that momentum into Duluth and let’s see if we can win a couple.” The Razorbacks (19-10, 6-10 SEC) are coming off two big wins over LSU and Missouri. These teams first met back on Jan. 19 in Fayetteville, where the Rebels stormed back to take a five-point lead in the second half, but their comeback attempt fell short, as Ar-

kansas held on to win 68-65. Tipoff tonight is set for 7:30, and the game will be televised on Fox Sports South. **Impact Players** Ole Miss: Who else other than Ole Miss senior point guard Valencia McFarland would be the impact player for the first round of the SEC tournament? McFarland is coming off a sensational 27-point outing in the victory over Auburn. This will be McFarland’s final chance to earn one more SEC victory as a Rebel, and her final chance to continue her career

before she graduates. *Arkansas:* Razorback freshman power forward Jessica Jackson has been the leading catalyst for this much improved Arkansas team. In the first meeting between these two teams, she led the Hogs with 31 points to secure the victory. On the season, Jackson averages 16 points and six rebounds per game. She will have to be contained down low if the Rebels hope to advance. *For continuing coverage of Ole Miss women’s basketball, follow @browning-stubbs and @thedm_sports on Twitter.*

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season, the Razorbacks are on the right side of the bubble in most NCAA tournament talks. A trio of Razorbacks are averaging just over 12 points, as Bobby Portis, Rashad Madden and Michael Qualls are all between 12.3 and 12.6 points per game. Portis also leads the team in rebounding at 6.7 per game, while Madden and Qualls shoot well from outside, at 40.4 and 38.1 percent on 3-pointers this season. Arkansas has six players shooting at least six field goals per game, and all but one of them are shooting above 43 percent. Razorback head coach Mike Anderson has plenty of depth for his “40 Minutes of Hell” style of play, as 11 players average double digits in minutes.

The Razorbacks play at the fastest pace in the SEC, averaging 80.4 possessions per game; Ole Miss plays at 75.4 possessions per game. Arkansas’ defense, which presses the entire game, forces opponents into a turnover on 20 percent of their possessions, the highest mark in the SEC. They also have the third most efficient transition defense in the SEC. The game will tip at 7 p.m. from Bud Walton Arena and can be seen online via WatchESPN.

For continuing coverage of Ole Miss men’s basketball, follow @DavidLCollier and @thedm_sports on Twitter.

Ole Miss opens spring practice

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The Ole Miss football team started spring practice Tuesday night in the first of 15 practices leading up to the annual Grove Bowl on April 5. “The theme for this spring will be being more consistent as we build a depth chart that looks like one for an SEC football team,” head coach Hugh Freeze said. “We’re not quite there yet.” That task will be a little more difficult with several guys out with injuries and suspensions. The injury list includes a num-

ber of players who will be day-to-day with nagging injuries. However, junior defensive tackle Woodrow Hamilton will miss the spring after breaking his foot a few days ago. Hamilton’s injury will keep him out for 10 weeks. Transfer freshman offensive lineman Christian Morris tore his achilles in winter workouts and will be out for 6-7 months. Senior offensive lineman Aaron Morris will also be held out of spring practice. He is 23 weeks out of surgery to repair a torn ACL. Senior linebacker Serderius Bryant and junior linebacker Denzel Nkemdiche were sus-

pended in February after being arrested. Freeze said Wednesday that both still have work to do to “regain good standing” with the coaching staff, but each player has different punishments. Bryant will participate in spring drills, while Nkemdiche will miss the entire spring and be suspended for the season opener against Boise State. “We’ll hold their feet to the fire,” Freeze said. “We’re not afraid to make a tough decision. No one is more important than this team. The team comes first, and we’ve got a lot of kids that never show up on a list.”

Corner Bobby Hill, who was arrested on a sexual battery charge, has been dismissed from the team and is no longer enrolled at the university. Freeze said they are still gathering the facts on junior defensive end Channing Ward’s DUI. Freeze said Ward will spend the spring at tight end, and he is expected to be cleared. Other position changes include senior Carlton Martin moving from defensive line to offensive line, sophomore Kailo Moore moving from running back to corner and junior Quintavious Burdette has moved from corner to wide receiver.

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Rebels face Memphis in midweek rivalry



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Austin Anderson (8) hits the ball during Sunday's game.

BY MATT SIGLER
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The No. 15 Ole Miss baseball team will welcome the Memphis Tigers tonight for a midweek non-conference matchup. Last season, Memphis took both of the games the teams played head to head. The Rebels (11-1) enter the game on a five-game winning streak, most recently a sweep of Central Florida this past weekend. The Tigers (10-1) enter the game on a five-game winning streak as well, with their most recent victories being a sweep of Southeast Missouri. Ole Miss will send senior left-hander Jeremy Massie to the mound to start the game. Last season, Massie went 0-1 in 19 appearances with a 2.92 ERA in 24.2 innings pitched. This season, Massie has made two appearances, one of which was a start, and thrown six innings allowing just two hits and no runs. The Tigers will start junior left-hander Caleb Wallingford. Wallingford is 2-0 on the season and

has yet to allow an earned run. He has tallied 12 strikeouts and allowed three walks in 14.2 innings this season. At the plate, junior center fielder Auston Bousfield continues to pace the Rebel offense. He enters the game batting .404, a team best, and is also the team leader with 12 runs scored and 21 hits. He is second on the team with 10 RBIs. Another player continuing to shine offensively is senior catcher Will Allen. Allen is hitting .375 and leads the team with three home runs, most recently a walk-off against Central Florida, and 18 RBIs. For Memphis, senior Zach Willis will be the guy the Rebels keep an eye on. He is hitting a team-high .314 and is also tied for second on the team with six runs batted in. Another Tiger whom Ole Miss will have to look out for is redshirt senior Drew Griffin. Griffin leads the Tigers with two home runs and nine runs batted in. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. at Swayze Field.

Ole Miss takes on rising Razorbacks

BY TYLER BISCHOFF
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Ole Miss will play on the road for the final time this season as the Rebels take on one of the hottest teams in the Southeastern Conference, the Arkansas Razorbacks. "Arkansas is playing as well as anybody in our league, having won five straight," head coach Andy Kennedy said. "They are playing with a great deal of confidence and a real sense of urgency that you would expect as they are closing in on trying to get into the NCAA tournament, and we know we will have our hands full."

Arkansas (20-9, 9-7 SEC) most recently dispatched of Georgia, 87-75, but the Razorbacks also beat Kentucky and LSU during their five-game run. Arkansas is tough to beat in Bud Walton Arena, as it is 17-2 this season at home and 66-11 over the past four seasons. But Ole Miss (17-12, 8-8 SEC) has been the exception to that trend, as Kennedy's Rebels have won four straight in Fayetteville and six in a row against Arkansas overall. That doesn't carry any weight into this year's meeting, however. "I would like to tell you that those prior four games would have some influence on our game Wednesday night, but, unfortunately for us, they will not," Kennedy said. "It's a different set of circumstances, different players and different timing." Ole Miss is riding a five-game losing streak in road



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Marshall Henderson reacts after a dunk during the game against Florida.

games and sits at 4-7 in road games this season. Beyond the road struggles, Ole Miss has just one win in the last six games. "We're not playing as well as I would have hoped," Kennedy said. "We have struggled in a number of different areas. When we put our finger in one hole, another one opens up, whether it's offensive inefficiency or our inability to rebound. We have really strug-

gled, especially on the road, and that continued in our last outing against A&M." The recent slide has found Ole Miss completely out of any NCAA tournament discussion, meaning the Rebels will have to win the SEC tournament to secure a bid in the Big Dance. Arkansas has played into the NCAA tournament, and with two games left in the regular

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